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Rainwater Revival Calls for Grant Applications from Hill Country Schools

For the seventh consecutive year, the Hill Country Alliance's Rainwater Revival offers funds to help students learn about rainwater catchment and water conservation.

As Texas Hill Country residents and businesses look for ways to conserve water, the Hill Country Alliance's Rainwater Revival School Grant Program lends a helping hand to schools throughout the 17-county region. **HCA is now taking applications from schools that want to implement or enhance rainwater collection and water conservation programs on their campuses.** So far our grant program has supported 17 schools set up or continue their water conservation education programs.

The deadline for applications for grants to be used during the 2017-2018 school year is Friday, September 29, 2017. The recipients will be announced before the November 4th at the Rainwater Revival, allowing the winner to start their project by the beginning of the spring school year. Grants may range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

"I am excited to continue the wonderful tradition of the Rainwater School Grant Program for another year," commented Katherine Romans, executive director of the Hill Country Alliance. "Teaching our children about the importance of water conservation is critically important to the future of our region. This grant provides the support teachers need to bring those lessons to life in the classroom."

To apply, please provide a one-page description of the project, including number of students reached, expected outcomes, length or duration of project, and general management and participation in the project; the project budget, including grant amount requested and, if anticipated, matching funds or in-kind services (matches not required); letter(s) of support from school principal and any others, as appropriate, and primary contact name, phone and email.

The grants are open to public and private elementary, middle and high schools throughout 17 counties of the Hill Country region. Email applications to info@RainwaterRevival.com, or mail to HCA-Rainwater Revival, Attention School Grant Program, 15315 Hwy 71 West, Bee Cave, TX 78738. Complete information, a list of previous grant winners and a map of eligible counties are available at www.rainwaterrevival.com under the "grants" tab.

About the Rainwater Revival

The Rainwater Revival + Hill Country Living Festival is an annual celebration of rainwater collection, conservation and living lightly in the Texas Hill Country. The event is designed to help individuals and businesses learn how to capture rainwater for in-home and outdoor irrigation, and will feature more than 75 vendors, speakers, and Hill Country food, wine and beer. The free



event is sponsored by the Hill Country Alliance and will be held Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.

About Hill Country Alliance

HCA is a collaboration of diverse people and organizations whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to protect the natural resources and heritage of the Texas Hill Country.

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